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NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL

SUBJECT **Project AECHAMP**

**SR-2/Lithuania**

ACTION

☐ New Project

☐ Memorandum

☐ Project Renewal

☐ Renewal

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Project Amendment **No. 1**

☐ Termination

DATE OF APPROVAL **25 MAR 1955**

APPROVING AUTHORITY **DD/P**

AMOUNT **none**

FISCAL YEAR **1955**

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

**Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Project AECHAMP increasing the number of contract agents from three to five does not affect the project's FY '55 authorization of ☐ ☐**

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Project Cryptonym AECHAMP Amendment No. 1

Sub-Project Cryptonym \_\_\_\_\_

Originating Division SR-2/Lithuania

Recommend Approval B/ ☐ A/DD/P/P MAR 25 1955

Approved--Disapproved /S/ Richard Helms \* MAR 25 1955  
For Deputy Director (Plans) Date

COMMENTS: \* Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Project AECHAMP increasing  
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3. Concurred in and Forwarded to OD/P by SIGNED [initials] APR 25 1966  
CPE Date

Conditions: (This space reserved for GPP and DO/P - Admin)

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14 February 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/P

VIA : CFP

SUBJECT : Project AECHAMP/PP - Amendment No. 1

1. It is requested that Project AECHAMP/PP be amended to provide for the contract employment of three additional personnel, increasing the project authorization for contract employees from three to ~~six~~ <sup>five</sup>. Subject project was approved in the SR Division's FI 1955 Operational Program in the amount of [ ] No additional funds are required by this amendment. Project AECHAMP/PP was originally approved by ABPC on 29 July 1949 as BULAFIN Project, and subsequently renewed by DDP approval on 19 February 1954.

2. The project was established for the purpose of conducting political and psychological warfare within the target area, namely the Lithuanian SSR. It is designed to provide financial support for and direction to AEPOLE/1--a Lithuanian emigre organization in Germany--in order to maintain that organization as an effective instrument of political and psychological warfare against the Lithuanian SSR. In addition the project is designed to implement and maintain current radio broadcasts to the target area via the facilities available to AEPOLE/1.

3. During the past year the activities under this project with respect to radio broadcasts have expanded considerably. Under the aegis of AEPOLE/1 there are now maintained regular daily ten to twenty minute broadcasts to the target area via Radios Rome, Vatican and Madrid. The Madrid broadcasts were initiated on a daily basis on 1 January 1954. These radio broadcast activities and especially the new broadcasts require expansion of the AEPOLE/1 Radio Section headquarters as well as the establishment of a Radio Section office in Madrid.

4. In order to maintain our control over these broadcasts it is essential that the Chief of the AEPOLE/1 Radio Section, the section's chief editor, and the chief of the Madrid office be under our direct control through a contractual relationship. It is also necessary to maintain a flow of PP support material originating at Headquarters to the field for transmission to AEPOLE/1.

5. It is therefore proposed:

- a. To employ a contract agent to replace the present Chief of the AEPOLE/1 Radio Section who, because

of operational expediency, is now scheduled to return to the United States. This agent's salary will be \$5,000.00 per annum. Subject is American born of Lithuanian descent; has suitable professional and educational qualifications; and is acceptable to AEPOLE/1. Operational clearance for subject has been obtained. Cover arrangement for subject will be similar to that which existed for AEPOLE/7, i.e. an employee of AEPOLE/1. It is expected that subject will depart for Germany with his wife and household effects for two years' PCS on or about 1 May 1955.

- b. To continue to employ the former Chief of AEPOLE/1's Radio Section as a covert associate in the United States to be engaged in the preparation of scripts and support material for AEPOLE/1 broadcasts. This agent's salary will be continued at the rate of \$4,000.00. Cover for subject is being arranged and the appropriate change in his security clearance has been requested.
- c. To employ a contract agent for use as chief editor of AEPOLE/1's Radio Section in Germany with a salary of \$4,500.00 per annum. Cover arrangement for subject will be the same as that which existed for AEPOLE/7, i.e. an employee of AEPOLE/1. It is expected that subject will depart for Germany with his wife and household effects for two years' PCS on or about 15 May 1955.
- d. To approve the giving of a guaranty (through means of a memorandum in lieu of contract) for the employment of an individual to serve as head of the Madrid Radio Section. It is expected that this individual will be directly employed and brought to Madrid by AEPOLE/1 for a period of two years. The requested guaranty will be given to the individual indirectly by us in case AEPOLE/1 fails to meet its obligations to this individual. *will be paid by AEPOLE/1 for subsidiary funds. Will not be a direct contract? no. contract?*

6. It is therefore recommended that Amendment No. 1 to Project ARCHANT/PP be approved as early as practicable in accordance with the provisions outlined above.

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Chief, SR Division

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**MATERIEL AND FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS ANNEX**

**AECHAMP - PP**

A review of Project AECHAMP-PP, Amendment No. 1 indicates there will be no materiel support necessary.

**SR/2 Logistics Liaison Officer**

**APPROVED :**

**Chief, SR Logistics**

**16 February 1955**